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Tenth Annual Session

—OF THE—

NEW HOPE

MISSIONARY-BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

UNION CHAPEL CHURCH,

Wake County, Apex, N. C.,

—ON—

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,

—THE—

6TH, 7TH AND 8TH OF OCTOBER, 1881.

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Officers of the Association.

MODERATOR:

Rev. M. W. Brown, Apex, N. C.

SECRETARY:

Rev. L. H. Hackney, Chapel Hill, N. C.

TREASURER:

Bro. Haywood Barbee, Chapel Hill, N. C.

MINISTERIAL AND EDUCATIONAL BOARDS.

REV. E. H. COLE, Chapel Hill, N. C.; *REV. C. D. HACKNEY, Rialto, N. C.;*

REV. M. W. BROWN, Apex, N. C.;

REV. C. H. BYNUM, Apex, N. C.; *REV. L. H. HACKNEY, Chapel Hill, N. C.*

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY--Morning Session.

THE officers and delegates composing the Association assembled in the Baptist church, at Apex, N. C., at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Moderator called the Association to order, and conducted the devotional exercises.

Sang hymn 684. Bro. Cole continued by reading the XXIIIrd Psalm, and leading in prayer. Sang hymn 800.

The Pastor of the church, M. W. Brown, arose, at this stage of the proceedings, and, in a brief but neat and pleasant little speech, welcomed the Association to Apex, N. C., to their homes and hospitality.

The Moderator responded ably, on behalf of the Association, to the heartfelt welcome.

The Secretary read the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association.

The following named persons, from the places specified, composed the officers and delegates of the Association:

Ordained Ministers—Apex: Revs. M. W. Brown, C. H. Bynum, Stanford Worlden, W. H. Stuart, T. Pattasall; Chapel Hill—Revs. E. H. Cole, L. H. Hackney, J. L. Weaver; Cameron—Rev. W. B. McLain; Durham—Rev. G. B. Perry; Morrisville—Rev. C. L. Hackney; Pittsboro—Revs. C. C. Bolivin, Wm. Taylor; Rialto—Revs. C. D. Hackney, R. P. Wynn.

Visiting Ministers—Apex: Revs. J. M. Holleman, Alvin Betts, J. W. F. Rogers; Durham—Rev. S. W. Ray.

Delegates—

1. Bro. H. H. Holleman,
2. " A. Upchurch,
3. " Solomon Pratt,
4. " J. S. Jenkins,
5. " Anderson Ray,
6. " Phillip Barbee,
7. " J. H. Dunston,
8. " Geo. Green,
9. " Noah Heading,
10. " Adham Burns,
11. Bro. John Weaver,
12. " J. J. Jones,
13. " Alvis Hackney,
14. " D. Commander,
15. " J. J. Durham,
16. " L. H. Stones,
17. " Ausbon Hannah,
18. " Alvis Thompson,
19. " Jessey Hopson,
20. " Manson Harris, [OVER.]

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21. Bro. Abner Fox,
22. " Wm. Taylor,
23. " Nelson Tigue,
24. " Henry Dowd,
25. " J. A. Womack,
26. " Enus Graves,
27. " Hinton Henry,
28. " D. Nunn,
29. " Willis Alkins,
30. Bro. Council Scott,
31. " Geo. Hall,
32. " Orange Herington,
33. " James Fuller,
34. " Jerry Hackney,
35. " Alfred Trice,
36. " James Mitchell,
37. " J. M. Fuller,
38. " H. H. Worlden.

The Moderator announced the House ready for business.

Rev. C. D. Hackney preached the Introductory Sermon.

Rev. R. P. Wynn, his alternate, sang hymn 578. Read the XVth chapter of St. John. Prayer by Rev. Wynn.

Sang hymn 238: "My Soul, Be on Thy Guard."

Rev. C. D. Hackney preached a very interesting sermon from the XVth chapter of St. John, 1st verse: "I am the true vine and my Father is the husbandman.

Sang hymn 224.

On motion of Rev. C. D. Hackney, Rev. M. W. Brown was elected Moderator.

On motion of Rev. C. H. Bynum, L. H. Hackney was elected Clerk of the Association.

On motion of C. C. Baldwin, the Association thanked Bro. J. S. Jenkins for his faithfulness, as Clerk of the Association, in the past.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On New Churches—Rev. E. H. Cole; Bros. L. H. Stone and J. S. Jenkins.

On Religious Exercises—Rev. M. W. Brown; Bros. Seton Hinton, Ned McGee and Hancil Holleman.

On Finance—Bros. J. H. Dunston, H. Barber and Manly Fuller.

On Salary of Clerk—Bros. A. Upchurch, Solomon Pratt and John Weaver.

On Order of Business—Bros. J. J. Jones, G. B. Perry and J. A. Womack.

On Missionary Work—Revs. C. D. Hackney and E. H. Cole; Bro. J. S. Jenkins.

On Time and Place—Rev. C. C. Baldwin; Bros. Jack Durham, James Dunston, Anderson Ray and Council Scott.

On Temperance—Revs. C. D. Hackney, P. R. Wynn and W. H. Stuart.

On Schools—Revs. R. P. Wynn, G. B. Perry and C. H. Bynum; Bros. James H. Dunston, D. Nunn and Willis Atkins.

On Periodicals—Rev. L. H. Hackney; Bros. Alvis Thompson and Henry Dowd.

The hour having arrived, the Association adjourned with singing by the choir and prayer by Rev. C. H. Bynum.

Afternoon Session.

Met as agreed; Moderator in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. J. M. Holleman.

Proceedings of the forenoon session read and approved.

The Moderator extended the hand-of-welcome to Rev. J. H. Holleman, pastor of the white Raptist church in Apex; Rev. Alvin Betts, of Apex; a white, visiting brother, and others, to a seat with us in the Association.

Rev. J. H. Holleman participated much in opening up the light upon the various subjects which came before the Association.

On motion of Rev. C. H. Bynum, the pastor and deacons of Union Chapel church were constituted the Committee on Religious Exercises. Committee: Rev. M. W. Brown; Bros. Seton Hinton, Ned McGee and Hancil Holleman. This committee reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Religious Exercises, beg leave to make the following report: That Rev. E. H. Cole preach to-night at 7½ o'clock; Rev. W. H. Stuart to be his alternate.

On motion of Bro. J. J. Jones the report was received and adopted.

On motion of Rev. E. H. Cole, the Moderator was empowered to add to the different committees of the Association from time to time.

There being a large number of delegates to be provided for, the Moderator announced the Association to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m., sharp.

Rev. M. W. Brown, Moderator.

Rev. L. H. Hackney, Clerk.

Evening Exercises.

At night, Rev. E. H. Cole preached a very interesting sermon to a large and attentive audience from the Vth chapter of Ephesians and the 14th verse, which animated the hearts of all who heard him. Afterwards, the sermon was continued in a few impressive remarks by our visiting brother Rev. S. W. Ray, from the Cedar Grove Association. He possesses a very fine talent for the ministry, to which he seems to have been called. Oh! may God bless the seed that was sown in the vineyard of the Lord. The hearts of all, both saint and sinner, seemed to be animated by the sermon that was preached. Rev. E. H. Cole is one of the oldest ministers of this Association and has done much good in the noble work of his Master's cause in this part of the vineyard.

SECOND DAY--Morning Session.

The Association assembled at the hour designated, the Moderator in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator. Read the XVIIIth Psalm. Sang hymn 218. Prayer by Rev. S. W. Ray.

The Moderator announced the House ready for business.

Rev. S. W. Ray, a visiting brother from the Cedar Grove Association, was cordially invited to a seat with us in our council.

Rev. J. M. Holleman was with us again to aid and assist in the noble work of the gospel ministry.

On motion of Bro. J. H. Dunston, a delegate from Shiloh church, the letters before the Association were taken up and read. They were from the following churches:

Union chapel; Mt. Zion, Wake county; Mt. Sinai; Mt. Gilead; Marcom's chapel; New Hope; Shiloh church; Roberts chapel; Barbee's chapel; Chapel Hill; Mt. Zion, Chatham; Terrell's creek; Mt. Pleasant; Hickory Grove; 'Simmon Grove; Sanford church; Dry creek; Taylor's chapel; Lambreth chapel; Haw river; New Bethlehem; White Oak. Total, 22.

The following was presented: We, your Committee on New Churches, beg leave to make the following report: We have carefully examined the letter and delegates from Barbee's Grove church and find it in good standing, and also the same in the Missionary Baptist faith.

On motion of Solomon Pratt, the report of the committee was received and adopted.

Rev. Alvin Betts, of Apex, a white visiting brother, was cordially invited to a seat with us and participated in opening up the light in this glorious work.

The following was presented: We, your Committe on Order of Business, beg leave to make the following report:

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Enrolling ordained ministers.
3. Reading letters.
4. Enrolling the names of delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Appointment of committees.
7. Minutes of the previous meeting.
8. Excuses of members, if any.
9. Reception of new churches.
10. Unfinished business.
11. Reports of committees.
12. New business.
13. Adjournment.

Rev. G. B. Perry,
Bro. J. A. Womack,
" J. J. Jones,
} Committtee.

On motion of Bro. Barbee the report was received and adopted.

On motion of Bro. Haywood Worlden, the letters from the churches were received and adopted.

Presented: We, your Committee on Religious Exercises, beg leave to make the following report: Rev. T. Pattasall preach to-day at 11 a. m.; Rev. W. H. Stewart his alternate. Rev. G. B. Perry at 3 p. m.; Rev. C. D. Hackney his alternate.

Bros. C. Holleman,
" Tho. Yates,
" Seton Hinton,
} Committee.

On motion of Bro. Jerry Hackney the report of the committee was received and adopted.

The hour having arrived, the Association adjourned by singing.

Afternoon Session.

The Association re-assembled according to appointment.

Rev. G. B. Perry conducted the devotional exercises.

Prayer by Rev. Alvin Betts.

The Moderator announced the House ready for business.

Rev. J. W. F. Rogers was welcomed to a seat with us.

The minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

Rev. W. B. McClain, a minister of the Association arrived.

Presented: We, your Committee on Religious Exercises, beg leave to make the following report: Rev. S. W. Ray to preach to-night et 7½ o'clock; Rev. Wm. Taylor his alternate.

Bros. Thomas Yates,
" Seton Hinton,
" H. C. Holleman,
} Committee.

On motion of Rev. C. C. Baldwin, the report of the committee was received.

Presented: We, your committee on Missionery Work, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, The Lord has prospered us in this Association for ten years; and,

Whereas, In the South-western portion of the New Hope Baptist Association they are calling for help—sending up their cries for help—therefore, be it

Resolved, First—That this Association appoint a missionary to labor in the South-western part of Randolph and Moore counties, and elsewhere, as the Board may direct. Second—That, to maintain this missionary, the sum of twenty-five ($25) dollars, per month, be appraprated for that purpose.

We have further agreed to request the Association to select one of the most prominent ministers belonging to the Association.

Be it further resolved, That this Association pay to Rev. J. O. Hays the sum of five ($5) dollars.

This resolution is presented with the hope that the brethren of the Association will sympathize with us and look at the obligation we owe to Africa, our fatherland. Rev. J. O. Hays was educated at Shaw University and has gone as a missionary to Africa.

Rev. C. C. Baldwin addressed the Association on the mission-work.

Rev. J. M. Holleman came forward and addressed the Association.

Rev. Alvin Betts spoke ably on the question of missions.

Rev. J. W. F. Rogers also spoke on the same subject.

These brethren were interested in the great work of missions. God sent these white brethren out to labor with us. The enthusiasm which was manifested in the work warmed the hearts of all who heard them. The seed which they sowed in this Association will remain with us forever.

Rev. E. H. Cole,
Bro. C. D. Hackney,
" J. S. Jenkins,
} Committee.

On motion of Bro. Solomon Pratt the report of the Committee on Missionary Work was received.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer made the following report:

Report of Treasurer from October 6th, 1880, to October 6th, 1881:

RECEIPTS.

1880.	Received from the Association fund	$35	33
	Home mission, sent up by the churches	7	34
	Public collection	7	52
	Marcom's chapel	1	00
	Total	$51	19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to the Clerk		$ 7	33
"	for book		50
"	to the Treasurer	4	00
"	for printing	13	00
	Total	$24	83
		$26	36

H. Barbee, Treasurer,
Chapel Hill, N. C.

The Association then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m.

REV. M. W. BROWN, Moderator.
REV. L. H. HACKNEY, Secretary.

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THIRD DAY--Morning Session.

The Association assembled according to previous appointment, the Moderator in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. F. Rogers.

After which the roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Moderator then announced the House ready for business.

The Moderator appointed the following:

Committee on Licentiates—Revs. J. W. F. Rogers, C. D. Hackney and G. B. Perry.

On motion of Council Scott, the Association sent a telegram to Raleigh, N. C., for Prof. N. F. Roberts.

The Association took up a public collection to defray the expense of the telegram and collected eighty cents.

Presented: We, your committee on Clerk's salary, beg leave to submit the following report: We have agreed to pay the Clerk ten ($10) dollars for his services as clerk.

JOHN WEAVER,
A. W. UPCHURCH,
SOLOMON PRATT, } Committtee.

On motion of Bro. Henry Hinton the report was received.

The hour having now arrived to take up the great work of missions, (which was laid over until 9 o'clock this morning,) that was done. The speakers were as follows: Bros. James Mitchell, Alfred Trice, Daniel Commander and Solomon Pratt; and Revs. W. B. McClain, E. H. Cole, T. Pattason, W. H. Stewart, C. D. Hackney, and others, all of whom spoke nobly on the question of missions.

On motion of Bro. Haywood Worlden, the report was received.

Presented: We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report: [Turn to statistical table for their report.]

BROS. J. H. DUNSTON,
" H. BARBEE,
" MANLY FULLER, } Committee.

On motion of Bro. Nelson Tigue the report was received.

Presented: We, your Committee on Periodicals, beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, We, your Committee on Periodicals, feel that the time has come when we should do something for the children, upon whom the great Baptist cause rests, therefore be it

Resolved, First—That this Association place in the hands of the different churches as many Baptist tracts, pamphlets and papers as they possibly can. Second—That we further recommend to the churches to be very careful in their selection of them; to examine very particularly their literature before obtaining it. We further recommend to the churches to have only those Bibles, hymn-books and late pamphlets and papers that are recommended by the Missionary Baptist faith.

ALVIS THOMPSON,
HENRY DOWD,
L. H. HACKNEY, } Committee.

On motion of Bro. Jessey Hopson the report was received.

Presented: We, your Committee on Licentiates and their power, beg leave to submit the following report: That, in our judgment, Licentiates have no more power in this body than lay members. Respectfully, etc.,

J. W. F. ROGERS,
C. D. HACKNEY,
G. B. PERRY, } Committee.

On motion of Bro. Daniel Nunn the report was received.

The Moderator appointed Rev. W. B. McClain to preach to-day at 11 o'clock a. m.

Rev. W. B. McClain proceeded to the stand and preached an able sermon to a large and attentive congregation, which animated the hearts of all who heard him.

On motion of Bro. Alfred Trice the report was received.

LETTER-ADDRESS ON MISSION-WORK.

A written address was read before the body, from Bro. Thomas Yates, on "Mission-work." It was as follows:

APEX, N. C., Oct. 8th, 1881.

Bro. Moderator and brethren of the Association:

I desire for the brethren to have my aid in the great work of missions, both at home and foreign. I think it is the duty of the Association to aid in distributing money for the benefit of having the Gospel sent into the western portion of the Association, and elsewhere, as the hand of Providence may direct. I feel it my duty to aid the work on; and the churches should be more interested and open their hearts to the work; and if the Association appoints a missionary, let it be sure to select one of good understanding and one who, it feels, will

discharge his duty in the work. We, as a band of brethren, should lay aside so much desire of the flesh and devote more of our time to aid the noble work of Christ's kingdom. I feel more determined to give to the support of mission-work than I ever did before. I am highly pleased with the remarks which our white brethren made on the subject of missions; and if we all want to be a people, we must come together and educate ourselves and help those who are in darkness and calling for our aid. I think that $25 is not too much for a missionary to go and labor among those people. Oh! may we show to them that we have a missionary to labor with them. We learn from the Bible that it is more blessed to give than to receive. As I have often said, if we want to become a people we must take hold of that which has got some substance in it. I think it is best for us to take up a special collection to-day for the benefit of the mission-work.

May God bless you all in this noble and well-begun work.

Yours respectfully, in Christ,

THOMAS YATES.

On motion of Bro. Jessey Hopson the address was ordered to be published in the minutes.

The Moderator cordially welcomed Bro. Fred Williams to a seat with us.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Presented: We, your Committee on Time and Place for the Next Meeting of the Association, beg leave to submit the following report: Shiloh church having invited the Association to meet with her in the year of Our Lord, A. D., 1882, we recommend that the invitation be accepted, and that the Association adopt the following: That the Association will meet at Shiloh on Thursday before the second Lord's day in October, 1882.

J. J. DURHAM,
C. C. BALDWIN,
ANDERSON RAY,
J. H. DUNSON,
COUNCIL SCOTT. } Committee.

On motion of Bro. Solomon Pratt the report was received.

Presented: We, your Committee on Religious Exercises, beg leave to make the following report: That Rev. R. P. Wynn preach this afternoon at 3 o'clock; Rev. E. P. Kirby to be his alternate. Also, that Rev. C. D. Hackney preach to-night at 7½ o'clock; Rev. Thos. Pattason to be his alternate.

REV. M. W. BROWN,
BRO. THOMAS YATES,
" SETON HINTON. } Committee.

On motion of Bro. Nelson Tigue, the report was received.

A public collection was then taken up for the missionary enterprise. It amounted to $8.06.

Adjourned to meet at 1½ o'clock p. m.

Afternoon Session.

The Association re-assembled according to previous appointment.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. H. Cole.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Presented: We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report: Judging from the past history of Sabbath schools, no church can do well without a school in it, or the Bible instruction in some way instead of the pulpit. The Sunday school is the Church at work, for it is the power of the Church. It should not be composed of the children only, but also the older persons, who are the heads of families, should be interested in the work of Sunday schools. It is a place where all can go and learn how to read the Word of God and comment upon it; and also learn its meaning. But much depends upon a judicious teacher; one who will study the lessons and have them prepared to instruct the class. It requires a good teacher to make the instruction a success. The teacher should study to meet the requirements of his children each Sabbath. Those churches that have good Sabbath schools, are better qualified for Christian work. (Signed:)

C. H. Bynum, G. B. Perry, Willis Atkins,
Dan'l Nunn, J. H. Dunston, W. A. Ray,
Committee.

On motion of Bro Daniel Nunn the report was received.

FORMER CLERK'S REPORT.

The former Clerk made the following report: Received to print minutes, $13; paid to distribute minutes, 18c. Had 225 minutes printed.

On motion of Bro. Nelson Tigue, his report was received.

Also, by same, That 18c. be taken out of the $3 that he owed to the Association.

On motion of Rev. C. D. Hackney, Bro. H. Barbee was made Treasurer for the next Association-year.

HOME MISSION WORK.

The following amounts were pledged, from the churches and delegates, for Home Mission Work:

CHURCHES.	
Union chapel	$10 00
Mt. Zion, Wake county	10 00
Marcom's chapel	10 00
Robert's chapel	1 00
Mt. Zion, Chatham	5 00
Terrel's creek	5 00
Taylor's chapel	5 00
Haw-river church	5 00
New Bethleham	2 00
White Oak (by cash)	50
New Hope	3 00
Total	$56 50

DELEGATES.	
Rev. C. H. Bynum	$ 1 00
Bro. J. H. Dunston	2 50
Bro. Solomon Pratt	2 00
Rev. William Taylor	5 00
Bro. H. P. Barbee	1 00
Bro. James Mitchell	1 00
Bro. George Green	1 00
Bro. L. H. Stone	5 00
Bro. Osbon Hanner	1 00
Bro. Alvis Thompson	2 50
Bro. Enus Graves	50
Bro. J. S. Jenkins	1 00
Bro. Alvis Hackney	1 00
Bro. Willis Atkins	2 00
Total	$26 50

Grand Total.....$83 00.

On motion of Bro. Alfred Trice, the Association agreed to have a missionary for the ensuing year.

On motion of Rev. R. P. Wynn, Rev. L. H. Hackney was chosen missionary for the next Associational year.

On motion of Bro J. M. Fuller, Rev. M. W. Brown, of Apex, N. C., was appointed to preach the next Annual Sermon; Rev. G. B. Perry to be his alternate.

On motion of Bro. H. Holleman, the minutes were ordered to be printed and distributed in December, 1881.

The Moderator appointed the following as the Committee on Clerk's Salary: Revs. C. H. Bynum and C. D. Hackney; and Bro. J. S. Jenkins.

Rev. G. Gilmore, a Christian minister, was cordially invited to a seat with us.

Presented: We, your committee, have agreed that the pay of the Treasurer shall be seven ($7) dollars.

Revs. C. D. Hackney
" C. H. Bynum,
Bro. J. S. Jenkins, } Committee.

On motion of Rev. W. H. Stewart the report was received.

On motion of Rev. C. D. Hackney, a vote of thanks was tendered "to this church and neighborhood for their kind hospitality to us in this Association." The church, and neighbors in general, seemed to be highly pleased with the transactions of the Association, and with a few pointed remarks from the pastor-in-charge, bidding the brethren God speed to go on in the well-begun work of Our Master's cause.

The Association then adjourned until evening.

Evening Session.

Moderator in the chair. After devotional exercises, the Moderator announced the House ready for business.

Prof. N. F. Roberts and Rev. A. Shepard, of Raleigh, N. C., arrived.

Rev. L. H. Hackney introduced the following:

Resolved, That the money which the churches and brethren vouched for, be sent to H. Barbee, the Treasurer, at Chapel Hill, N. C., by the 1st of February, 1882.

On motion of Bro. Alfred Trice the resolution was adopted.

TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

Presented: We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, We believe intemperance to be a great evil among our people, and the use of intoxicating drinks physically and mentally detrimental to the cause of Christ, therefore be it

Resolved, First—That we recommend that each pastor and deacon use his influence to advance the cause of temperance among our members, by organizing temperance societies in every church within the bounds of this Association. Second—That we recommend the Association to discontinue any minister who uses intoxicating drinks as a beverage. Third—That no person applying for license, or ordination, who uses intoxicating drinks as a beverage, shall be recognized by any council, or church belonging to this Association. Fourth—That each minister preach a temperance sermon in his church, or churches, every year. Fifth—That each Superintendent in the Association recognize no teacher that uses intoxicating liquors to excess, and organize societies among the scholars, as we think it expedient to bring the cause of temperance before the young as a safeguard from the great demon of destruction—Intemperance.

C. D. HACKNEY,
R. P. WYNN,
W. H. STEWART,
} Committee.

On motion of Bro James Mitchell, the report was received.

On motion of Bro. James Mitchell the Association gave to Bro. J. S. Jenkins $3 more for the faithful discharge of the duty of Secretary, in the past.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the church at Shiloh on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, in the year of Our Lord A. D. 1882.

REV. M. W. BROWN, Moderator,
Apex, N. C.

REV. L. H. HACKNEY, Secretary,
Chapel Hill, N. C.

SUNDAY EXERCISES--Morning.

We assembled in the church at 9 o'clock a. m., Rev. A. Shepard and Prof. N. F. Roberts being present. The morning was spent in opening up the light of Sunday school work and its importance. Topics: First—The school as a means of strengthening the church. Second—Why we should be interested in Sunday school work. The speakers were Rev. E. H. Cole, Rev. A. Shepard, Prof. N. F. Roberts and Rev. J. W. F. Rogers. The meeting was emphatically pleasant to all who heard the brethren upon the great subject of Sunday schools. There was a large congregation present and the hearts of all

seemed to have been very much interested upon the occasion. I think the addresses delivered by the brethren will long be remembered by God's people in that part of the vineyard. Oh! may God bless them and receive them at last into his kingdom above, where parting will be no more.

The congregation were then dismissed, with the usual religious exercises, until 1 p. m.

Afternoon Exercises.

Rev. A. Shepard preached a very interesting sermon to a large and attentive congregation. Text: IId Book of Peter, 1st chapter and 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th verses. The attendance was very large, and strict attention was given to all that was said, both by saint and sinner. The sermon seemed to animate the hearts of the people very much in general.

Rev. A. Shepard is the Sunday School Missionary for North Corolina. His post-office address is Box 103, Raleigh, N. C.

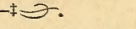
We highly appreciate Rev. A. Shepard in this Association and believe him to be one of Christ's chosen workers in our Master's cause. God help the brother in this noble work, in our State, and others combined. May the time soon come when this State shall have scores of such ministers in the field to publish His name to the whole world, until every creature shall come to know Him in parting from their sins.

Oh! may God bless the efforts of the Northern friends who have done so much for the colored people of the South, and may the glorious work continue to go on until the great mission cause on earth is ended.

Evening Exercises.

Prof. N. F. Roberts, of Raleigh, preached a very interesting sermon to a large and attentive congregation.

The first time that Prof. Roberts visited the meetings of this Association was during the Sunday school convention held at Chapel Hill, N. C., in August, 1881. The people were delighted with the instruction which he gave and his manner of presenting it to the public. For the second time our beloved brother has met with us, May the blessing of God rest and abide with our worthy brother and may God at last grant us a free admittance together into His kingdom, where parting will be no more. Amen.



LETTER FROM DEACON HOLLEMAN OF UNION CHAPEL CHURCH.

Dear Brethren: I take this opportunity of stating to the Association my opinion in the noble work of our Master's cause. In the Association, at Taylor's chapel, I invited the Association to Apex, N. C. On my return home, I found a great deal of trouble with the Church. But yet I pushed forward the work and the Lord enabled me to meet with great success on the way, and the Church began to see the great importance of the work and came forward and took an active part in the cause of Christ. The Lord will help those who will help themselves. May God bless you all in the blessed work of the Lord.

Yours very respectfully in Christ,

H. C. Holleman.

MINISTERIAL AND EXECUTIVE BOARDS.

The Ministerial and Executive Boards have held one meeting since the last annual session of the Association. The Boards have endeavored to act wisely upon all cases coming before them. The Executive Board is putting forth every effort possible to advance the cause of Education. The following was adopted :

WHEREAS, The ministers and churches of the Association will no longer delay the great cause of education, but will take hold of it with their might and strength ; and, whereas, the great hand of Deity has blessed us for the last sixteen years to act as our own free agents, and has permitted us to see the Tenth Annual Session of the Association, therefore be it

Resolved, First—That this Board take some steps immediately to establish an Academy within the bounds of the New Hope Baptist Association. Second —That each minister, and the laiety of the churches, take an interest in the noble work of education. Third—That each church within the bounds of this Association send up as much money as it can to aid in erecting the academy.

REV. M. W. BROWN, President.

REV. L. H. HACKNEY, Secretary.

Constitution of the New Hope Association.

FIRST—This Association shall be called the *NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.*

SECOND—The Association shall meet annually and be composed of ordained ministers belonging to said Association, and of members chosen annually by the several churches belonging to this Association, who by presenting letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

THIRD—The number of delegates from each church shall not exceed two.

FOURTH—The letters from the churches, shall state the number baptised, and the whole number of members, &c.; also state Sunday School statistics.

FIFTH—The number thus chosen and convened, shall sit at our advisory council, who shall have no power to infringe on any of the rights of the churches.

SIXTH—In all their discussions and acts this Association shall recognize Christ as the only law giver in Zion, and that every individual church is an independent body, with executive but not legislative power.

SEVENTH—It shall be the duty of this Association, when requested by aggrieved churches, to hear their grievances, give appropriate advice or send committees to aid them in their difficulties. If the minority of a church is aggrieved with the majority, upon an application, they shall be entitled to the same consideration. Individual applications will not be entertained.

EIGHTH—The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church that knowingly and wilfully departs from the orthodox principles of religion as taught in the Bible and held by the regular Baptists as the true teaching thereof.

NINTH—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and a Clerk, to be elected by the suffrages of the members present.

TENTH—This Association shall have a treasurer, who shall not disburse any money belonging to this Association unless it is ordered by the Executive Board.

ELEVENTH—Baptist churches on application for admission into this Association, shall be received and their delegates seated, if satisfactory evidence is given that they are truly of our faith and order.

TWELFTH—Amendments to this Constitution may be made at an annual meeting, two-thirds of the members present concurring.

THIRTEENTH—The Ministerial Council shall be a part of the Constitution and no minister shall be ordained unless two-thirds of the Council are present. This section shall not be changed except by a two-thirds vote of the Association.

FOURTEENTH—No minister shall be ordained without first being qualified to read the Scriptures with understanding and have a gift for the ministry. This section shall not be changed except by a two-thirds vote of the ordained ministers present.

FIFTEENTH—The Ministerial Council shall become a part of this Constitution. The same shall be the Executive Board, viz: Revs. E. H. Cole, C. D. Hackney, C. H. Bynum, M. W. Brown and L. H. Hackney.

Rules of Decorum.

FIRST—The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer by the Moderator or by some brother at his request.

SECOND—The names of delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called each day of the assembling of the Association ; the proceedings of the previous meeting read before other business.

THIRD—All questions before the Association shall be decided by the living voice, except a division is called for, then by rising.

FOURTH—No member shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the Moderator.

FIFTH—It shall be the duty of members to obtain permission before leaving the Association.

SIXTH—While a brother is speaking it shall be considered a breach of order for any member to pass between the speaker and the Moderator, or to engage in conversation, or in any way to interfere with the speaker.

SEVENTH—Every member must arise and address the Moderator and confine himself strictly to the subject before the body, address no member by any appellation, except that of brother, and cast no reflection on any member.

EIGHTH—The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speaking as any other member, by calling some member temporarily to the chair, and when there is a tie give the casting vote.

NINTH—Written queries from the churches or from members, and resolutions must be twice read, and signed by the mover before they are received for discussion.

TENTH—No motion without a second shall be received. The mover may withdraw his motion, if it is done before it is voted upon.

ELEVENTH—When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table, or to amend, which several motions shall have precedence with the order in which they are arranged

TWELFTH—When a motion has been carried, it shall be in order for any member, who voted with the majority, to move for he reconsideration on the same day.

THIRTEENTH—All committees shall consist of three, unless otherwise ordered

FOURTEENTH—The Clerk shall make out a list of the members appointed on each committee, stating the subject to be reported upon, and handed to the chairman as soon as practicable.

FIFTEENTH—Should any member violate any of the preceding Rules of Decorum, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to call him to order. If he fail to do so, any member of the body shall have the same privilege.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Sabbaths of worship	Baptized	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excommunicated	Deaths	Male members	Female members	Total membership	Value of church property.	Association fund	State mission	Foreign missions	Total amount	Church extension	Pastor's salary
1	UNION CHAPEL	Rev. M. W. Brown, Apex, N. C.	1	..	2	..	1	7	..	49	68	117	$ 300	$ 300	$	$	$ 300	$	$ .....
2	MT. ZION, Wake Co	" " " " "	1	5	1	3	..	..	3	21	40	61	200	200	9	....	209	....	30 00
3	MT. SINAI	Rev. E. H. Cele, Chapel Hill	1	9	2	4	4	7	2	86	136	222	300	350	59	50	459	14	139 00
4	BARBEE'S GROVE	" John Scales, Durham	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	6	10	....	75	5	....	80	....	.....
5	MT. GILEAD	" W. A. Ray, Durham	..	6	..	..	3	2	..	8	7	15	....	100	....	....	100	15	18 00
6	MARCOM'S CHAPEL	" E. H. Cole, Chapel Hill	2	10	..	..	..	..	..	20	30	....	....	200	40	....	240	....	35 00
7	NEW HOPE	" L. H. Hackney, Chapel Hill	2	12	4	..	1	1	..	40	60	100	250	200	30	....	200	22	42 50
8	SHILOH	" " " " "	3	10	..	5	5	..	2	54	75	129	300	200	1 00	....	300	....	.....
9	ROBERTS CHAPEL	" W. B. McClain	1	4	..	..	..	1	1	26	43	69	250	75	....	....	75	....	30 00
10	BARBEES CHAPEL	" E. H Cole	3	10	..	1	..	2	..	16	27	43	100	100	45	....	145	10	25 00
11	CHAPEL HILL	" L. H. Hackney	1	20	4	2	..	1	6	43	65	108	500	200	1 00	....	300	20	100 00
12	MT. ZION, Chatham	" E. H. Cole	4	28	..	..	..	2	..	44	54	126	275	300	....	....	300	....	84 00
13	TERREL'S CREEK	" C. D. Hackney, Rialto	1	8	..	..	..	5	..	39	41	80	250	270	34	33	337	10	50 00
14	MT. PLEASANT	" Thomas Pattasall	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
15	HICKORY GROVE	" C. D. Hackney, Rialto	2	7	2	..	..	3	..	20	30	50	25	150	25	25	200	....	.....
16	SIMMON'S GROVE	" " " "	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4	6	10	....	50	....	....	50	....	.....
17	SANFORD CHURCH	" M. W. Brown, Apex	4	..	..	1	..	1	1	10	6	16	180	75	25	....	100	94	30 00
18	DRY CREEK	" G. B. Perry, Durham	2	..	..	..	2	1	..	8	8	16	....	100	25	25	150	....	.....
19	TAYLOR'S CHAPEL	" C. H. Bynum, Apex	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	53	75	150	176	25	....	201	....	.....
20	LAMBRETH CHAPEL	" C. C. Baldwin	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	4	13	50	100	....	....	100	....	.....
21	HAW RIVER	" R. P. Wynn	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	41	46	87	200	150	....	....	150	....	.....
22	NEW BETHLEHEM	" Gulf	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	100	....	....	100	....	.....
23	WHITE OAK	" M. W. Brown	4	4	1	1	1	3	1	23	35	58	200	200	....	....	....	4	20 00
			36	56	20	17	18	37	18	707	840	1,547	$3,530	$3,671	$5 22	$1 33	$4,326	$189	$105 40